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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether prior to entering into export business several rigid formalities are to be completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ease the existing rules for the exporters; and

(d) the success achieved by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The only essential pre-requisite under Section 7 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, for any person to make import or export is a Importer Exporter Code number. Importer Exporter Code Number is a PAN based number and is issued by such offices as are authorised by the Director General of Foreign Trade in accordance with the procedures laid under Handbook of Procedures (Volumel). Importer Exporter Code number is transmitted online to the Customs through an electronic message exchange system to facilitate speedier clearance of import or export goods.

(c) & (d): The Government has taken several steps to simplify procedures for the exporters which inter alia include electronic data interchange with community partners, web filing of documents, help line for exporters, single application form etc. The above initiatives have led to a considerable reduction in transaction costs and reduced physical interface with the government authorities.